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## SECOND MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN UKRAINE

Kyiv - The Governing Board of the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) concluded its meeting today in Kyiv. The STCU is a multilateral nonproliferation program that provides peaceful employment opportunities to scientists and engineers in Ukraine with experience in weapons of mass destruction and missile technology. The Center operates under the terms of an international agreement signed by Canada, Sweden, Ukraine and the United States.

Representatives of the four STCU countries met to approve the second round of funding for STCU projects. A total of approximately \$4.4 US million dollars was committed to 37 projects involving approximately 640 Ukrainian scientists and engineers, and technical support personnel. Disbursement of funds in support of these projects will follow the completion of necessary administrative arrangements with recipient Ukrainian institutes. These awards bring the total amount funded to date to \$6.1 US million with over 900 Ukrainian scientists and engineers supported. The projects represent a wide diversity of technology areas, technical disciplines and many of the best science and technology institutes in Ukraine. Detailed information is available from the STCU but highlights include important projects at Design Bureau "Pivdenne" and the Institute of Technical Mechanics in Dnipropetrovsk, several research and development projects at Kharkiv Institute of Physics and Technology and Kharkiv State University, applied research projects at the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute and an important fundamental science project at the Institute of Nuclear Research. Some interesting technical areas include: plasma sterilization, composite materials, pharmaceutical and food additives, nuclear safety, basic nuclear physics and cosmology, information infrastructure, artistic laser engraving, environmental modeling and monitoring, conventional and advanced vehicle propulsion, solar energy, medical instruments, and a risk assessment for Chernobyl.

The Governors who represented the Parties at the STCU Board meeting were Professor Wasyl Janischewskyj (Canada), Ambassador Martin Hallqvist (Sweden), Professor Victor Bar'yakhtar (Ukraine), and Dr. John Boright (US). Observing the meeting were Ambassador Shoji Suezawa and Mr. Takehiko Okubo of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo.

The STCU Board Meeting took place at the STCU's headquarters on Laboratory Provulok in Kyiv. The Center houses a professional staff of about 30 scientific, managerial and financial experts. The executive staff is provided by the STCU Parties as part of their support to the program. The STCU staff is headed by Executive Director Professor Ostap Hawaleshka of Canada and has been supported by Senior Deputy Director Dr. Borys Atamanenko of Ukraine, and Deputy Director Dr. Frantisek Janouch of Sweden.

During the days preceding the Board meeting, members of the delegations visited institutes and projects supported by the STCU. These institutes included the Institute of Mechanics, the Institute of Metal Physics, the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute, and the Institute of Nuclear Physics, all located in Kyiv.